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FM AMEMBASSY TRIPOLI

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 2432

AMEMBASSY MADRID IMMEDIATE

C O N F I D E N T I A L TRIPOLI 0926

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: CASC (THOMAS, WILLIAM)

SUBJECT: W/W: AMCIT MISSING IN LIBYA

REF: TRIPOLI 0909

1. EMBASSY'S CONTINUING, URGENT INQUIRIES THROUGH FOREIGN MINISTRY (DIRECTORS OF NORTH AMERICAN AND CONSULAR AFFAIRS) AS TO WHEREABOUTS OF THOMAS HAVE NOT YET BEEN ANSWERED, AND PASSAGE OF TIME AND LACK OF CLARIFICATION HAVE HEIGHTENED OUR CONCERN.

2. WE UNDERSTAND FROM A LONG TIME TRIPOLI RESIDENT, WHO KNEW THOMAS DURING THE TIME HE WAS HERE IN 1960'S, THAT AFTER LEAVING HIS JOB AT WHEELUS AFB ABOUT 1965, THOMAS WENT TO AECXN FOR ABDULLAH ABID SENUSSI, THE SO-CALLED "BLACK PRINCE". THIS CONNECTION WITH AN INFLUENTIAL PERSON OF OLD REGIME SUGGESTS THAT THOMAS MAY HAVE BEEN TAKEN INTO CUSTODY BY LIBYAN AUTHORITIES, PARTICULARLY IN VIEW OF LIBYA'S RECENT INTERNAL SECURITY PROBLEMS.

3. IN VIEW OF LACK OF RESPONSE SO FAR TO EMBASSY'S REQUESTS FOR INFO, BELIEVE IT WOULD BE HELPFUL FOR DEPT TO RAISE MATTER URGENTLY WITH LIBYAN CHARGE TO UNDERLINE OUR CONCERN, EMPHASIZING THAT WE KNOW FROM ANOTHER TRAVELLER ON FLIGHT
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THAT THOMAS ARRIVED IN LIBYA JULY 29 AND THA IS

INFORMATION HAS BEEN GIVEN TO FOREIGN MINISTRY.

4. FOR MADRID: PLEASE INTERVIEW MRS. THOMAS, TELEPHONE 4192873 OR 7347319. SHE CAN ALSO BE REACHED THROUGH ELIZABETH POWERS, TELEPHONE 2046240. WE NEED ANY DETAILS SHE THINKS MIGHT BE OF HELP, INCLUDING ANYTHING SHE KNOWS ABOUT WHO THOMAS WAS TO SEE HERE, EXACTLY WHAT HIS BUSINESS WAS, AND EXACTLY WHEN HE SAID HE WOULD BE BACK. WE ALSO NEED A COMPLETE PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION OF THOMAS AND HIS PASSPORT DATA. STEIN

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